

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 384

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Wayne County
Dixie Belles softball team upon winning the 2014
Tennessee State Championship.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful young athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable group is the Dixie Belles softball team of Wayne County, an outstanding group of young women between the ages of thirteen and fifteen who, through their dedication to the pursuit of athletic excellence, their talents on the field of play, and their unwavering support of one another as teammates, have found victory once again at the highest levels of statewide competition; and

WHEREAS, the Wayne County Dixie Belles entered the District 8 tournament in June of 2014, and defeated the team from Perry County twice in succession to take the District 8 championship title; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2014, Wayne County, who had earned a bye for the first round of state tournament play, faced the Atoka team in second-round competition. Wayne County found victory that day, winning 12–2 and advancing to the next round; and

WHEREAS, later that same evening, the young women of Wayne County played the District 3 champions, Humphreys County, and once again were victorious, defeating their opponents 3–0; and

WHEREAS, the following day, Wayne County defeated District 1 champs Haywood County, but a loss to the Haywood County team in the next game left each team with a single tournament loss, and facing each other once again in the semifinal round; and

WHEREAS, in the rubber match between the two teams, Wayne County played with precision, grit, and passion, and their 3–0 victory over Haywood County earned them a berth in the championship game against Humphreys County; and

WHEREAS, the young women of Wayne County again rose to the occasion and, after a hard-fought game that ended with a 6–4 Wayne County victory, celebrated as Tennessee’s State Champions; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character, both individually and collectively, the Wayne County Dixie Belles and their coaches conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Wayne County Dixie Belles displayed uncommon talent, determination, and perseverance in their quest for athletic excellence, and it is wholly fitting that they be recognized for this remarkable achievement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and congratulate the players and coaches of the Wayne County Dixie Belles softball team on their capture of the 2014 Tennessee State Championship, applauding their dedication to excellence, both on the field and off, and extending our best wishes for their continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.